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1. Moscow's decision to import 10,800 tons of fats to the Soviet Zone and Berlin is claimed to have been prompted by the following behind-the-scene developments:
 - a. At the Dessau conference it was established that available food stocks are not sufficient to last until the new harvest has been brought in. This fact caused an extraordinary food shortage in the zone. Considering the seriousness of the situation, a delegation representing high SED officials and shop unions was sent to SED headquarters in Berlin. The delegation demanded to see either Pieck or Grotewohl but instead had to be content with Max Fechner who was used to calm them down.
 - b. On the other hand, hunger strikes in Magdeburg were continuing. In addition, scattered revolts in Thuringia which involved even SED officials called for immediate action by Karlshorst. The result is allegedly the decision of the Council of Ministers in Moscow to import fats to the zone.
2. In order to fill, in part, the gap caused by the food shortage, an extensive propaganda campaign has been started to insure the immediate delivery of harvested wheat.
3. While the food shortage is causing concern in the Soviet Zone, the SIA is requisitioning food for the Soviet Sector of Berlin. Such orders are not issued in writing but given orally to the mayors of cities and towns. At the same time, German authorities were warned not to make any record of these requisitions in their books. There are no over-all figures known as yet on food requisitioned in the course of the "Battle of Berlin". However, the following figures may furnish an approximate estimate:

Item	Place at which requisitioned	Amount in Tons
Wheat	Halle	1,100
	Dresden	1,200
	Leipzig	1,000
	Weimar	800
	Erfurt	1,200
	Schwerin	2,400

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Meat	Saxony	24,000 t
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(75% of this amount is to consist of pork products.)

Source estimated that the total food requisitioned from the states as a whole is proportionally higher than the quantities listed above for individual cities.

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